

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, P. Barry, E. Daugherty, J. Coite, C. Devecchis, M. Kirk, A. Kuegler, E. Paterson, W. Wendt

**Staff:** L. Painter, C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Paterson noted that Silander is absent due to surgery.

**1. Meeting Minutes**

- a. Kirk MOVED, Armstrong seconded approval of the November 4, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion PASSED unanimously.
- b. Coite MOVED, Kirk seconded approval of the December 9, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion PASSED unanimously.

**2. Updates:**

- a. *Mansfield Tomorrow*. Painter updated the committee on the draft plan and distributed copies of the presentation, noting that it was available for viewing on-line.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. van Zelm provided an update on the recently concluded Winter Fun Week, construction, residential leasing, commercial leasing and marketing for the greater downtown, including development of a new logo. Barry questioned van Zelm regarding proposed operation of Educational Playcare and potential impacts on existing childcare centers. Armstrong asked about relocation plans for the Oaks on the Square management offices and reuse of their existing space.

c. *USG*. Devecchis and Kuegler provided an update on a planned *Mansfield Tomorrow* presentation, efforts to host another family movie night in the spring, the upcoming Huskython, legislative activities, restructuring of the Guard Dog program and efforts to address WRTD concerns and issues. Armstrong noted that UConn will be doing a survey on transportation needs, particularly with regard to timing of bus runs.

d. *MCCP*. The next meeting is Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Armstrong provided an overview of a January 25<sup>th</sup> presentation for town officials, university officials, and property managers and noted that a workshop on fair housing is being scheduled for March. The next housing fair is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Armstrong also noted that due to extreme weather, UConn representatives have been visiting students living off-campus to see if they need anything.

e. *NextGenCT Impact Study*. Painter noted the study is underway; Hart will provide an update at the next meeting.

f. *UConn Master Plan*. UConn has received the Town's comments. The Master Planner is considering those comments as well as those received from others on-campus and off. A revised plan is expected to be presented to both the Board of Trustees and the Town in the

spring. Armstrong questioned the status of the sale of the Nathan Hale Inn. Kirk noted that the UConn is in negotiations to purchase the hotel; if it is purchased by UConn, it will remain a hotel until another hotel is developed.

### **3. Student Voter Registration**

Andrea Epling, one of the Town's registrars, addressed the committee regarding difficulties in removing former students that no longer live in Mansfield from the voter lists. Epling questioned whether UConn could put something in graduation packets reminding students to notify the Registrar's office if they are leaving Mansfield. Members discussed different ideas to assist in cleaning up the lists. Paterson requested that members continue to work on ideas; this item will be carried over to the next meeting agenda.

### **4. Other Business**

None.

### **5. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda M. Painter, AICP, Director of Planning and Development  
Town of Mansfield